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KEYSVILLE MAN PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED AT FT. GORDON PLEADS GUILTY

Anthony Todd Saxon Admits to Impersonating a Soldier at Ft. Gordon and Possessing Firearms Despite a Prior Felony Conviction

AUGUSTA, GA: ANTHONY TODD SAXON, 35, of Keysville, Georgia, pled guilty today in federal district court before United States District Judge Dudley H. Bowen, Jr., to three federal charges stemming from events related to his June 15, 2009 arrest on the Fort Gordon Military Reservation. United States Attorney Edward J. Tarver said, "This defendant impersonated a decorated combat soldier in order to obtain government property on a U.S. Army base. Moreover, he possessed numerous firearms and ammunition despite being prohibited from doing so by a prior felony conviction. The United States Attorney's Office will continue to do its part to protect the safety of the community and the security of our soldiers and military installations by prosecuting individuals like Mr. Saxon."

According to evidence presented during Mr. Saxon's guilty plea hearing, SAXON entered Ft. Gordon in June 2009 in complete armed combat uniform, pretending to be a master sergeant, and obtained an infrared aiming laser from a military police detachment. Later investigation revealed that Saxon had been discharged by the military in 1995. Saxon was subsequently stopped at the fort on a later date and a search of his vehicle revealed that Saxon possessed other government property in addition to the aiming laser. Further testimony at the guilty plea indicated that a search of his residence showed that SAXON possessed a 5.56mm caliber rifle, a stolen silencer not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, a short-barreled rifle, as well as other arms and ammunition. Saxon was prohibited from possessing firearms as the result of 1996 felony conviction.

SAXON now faces a 23-year maximum prison sentence as a result of pleading guilty to three counts of a seven count federal indictment, including impersonating a soldier, possessing a firearm subsequent to a felony conviction, and possessing an unregistered silencer. A sentencing date has not been determined. Saxon will remain in federal custody, where he has been since his arrest on June 15, 2009.

United States Attorney Edward J. Tarver commended the joint investigation led by Special Agent Jason Gustin of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Special Agent Ronald Rhodes of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Carlton R. Bourne, Jr. and Stephen T. Inman. For additional information, please contact First Assistant United States Attorney James D. Durham at (912) 201-2547.

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